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Ex-boyfriend charged in murder

Enforcement. Police say charges follow hundreds of interview hours and call logs, many witnesses

Nearly four years after a nurse was shot to death and burned in her car, police have charged her ex-boyfriend in her slaying.

On March 12, 2008, at about 11:15 p.m. Shernell Sharon Pierre, 26, left Misericordia Hospital and died minutes later, EPS Staff Sgt. Dennis Storey said on Wednesday.

Police said Pierre was shot before her car was set ablaze at 170 Street and 87 Avenue.

"It was a difficult investigation because, as you recall, the entire scene was consumed by fire, but we managed to bring in experts from outside EPS to assist in this," Storey said.

Devon Hugh Saunders, 43, is charged with first-degree murder and is expected in court today.

Storey said fear following the "horrific crime" may have

Cases not cold

- In February 2009, EPS homicide investigators said they were close to laying charges in Shernell Sharon Pierre's murder, but were awaiting approval by the Crown.
- EPS Chief Rod Knecht said Wednesday police still have 160 unsolved homicides on the books which are actively being investigated.

affected witnesses initially.

Pierre's sister Jolin Thompson said she's sad for her family and that of the accused.

Remembering her sister as "a nice person" who believed in god, Thompson said news released Wednesday that a Bible was all that survived the fire "was a sign."

Thompson said the charges bring some relief.

"But I've come to the realization that she's gone, she's not coming back," she said.

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO



Jolin Thompson speaks to media at police headquarters Wednesday after police announced charges in the 2008 slaying of her sister Shernell Pierre.

SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO EDMONTON. Inset: Pierre poses in a Facebook photo with the car her burned body was later found in. JEREMY NOLAIS



Gloves off in attack ads

Conservatives target Wildrose party in radio ads ahead of expected election call

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Minister Jason Kenney says changes could include clearing massive backlog of applications

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Richard Simmons to host event that will have people sweating while raising money for breast-cancer research

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Style icon Jeanne Beker talks feminism, motherhood, role models and more

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Crime

Man charged after grow-op bust

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) have shut down a sophisticated marijuana grow-op harbouring plants with a street value of more than \$500,000.

On Wednesday ALERT's Edmonton combined forces special enforcement unit uncovered the operation at 16410-60A Street and seized plants, equipment and 13.5 pounds of packaged, processed marijuana.

Najeeb Manah, 33, is charged with various drug offences. **METRO**

Festival

Billy Talent among big names at Boonstock

Organizers have announced the 2012 Boonstock Music Festival's lineup.

Billy Talent, Puddle of Mudd, Korn, Afrojack and Kaskade are among 30 acts set to hit the stage at the eighth annual Gibbons festival from June 29 through July 1.

Weekend passes are \$189 to \$349, not including service charges, at boonstock.ca. **METRO**

Fatalities

Pair killed in truck collision

Two people are dead after a crash west of Elk Island National Park on Highway 16 Wednesday.

Two pickup trucks were travelling westbound when they collided, RCMP said. A man and a woman in one truck were killed after being thrown out of the vehicle.

The driver of the second was unhurt. Officers were interviewing the 27-year-old Tofield man Wednesday.

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Premier Alison Redford, left, and her Conservatives have launched attack ads against the Wildrose party, led by Danielle Smith. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Gloves come off with ads attacking Wildrose

Politics. Tory radio spots are a shot across the bow, party campaign director says, with an election call expected within two weeks

Alberta's governing Progressive Conservatives are taking their gloves off in the run-up to the election, with radio attack ads calling the opposition Wildrose party dangerously irresponsible.

The ads, which begin airing on radio stations in Calgary on Thursday, denounce the Wildrose campaign, led by party leader Danielle

Smith, to thwart controversial new drunk-driving rules. They urge voters to think twice before marking an X.

"Danielle Smith and the Wildrose — not worth the risk," intones the closing line on the 30-second ad.

Tory campaign director Susan Elliott says the misinformation being spread by the Wildrose on Bill 26, the Traffic Safety Amendment Act, could not be left unchallenged, especially after the Wildrose tied it to a gimmicky drink-coaster campaign.

"We're very concerned about the message that the Wildrose would appear to be sending, that it's OK to have several drinks and get

behind the wheel of your car and drive home," Elliott said Wednesday.

Vitor Marciano, spokesman for the Wildrose, says his party also wants a crack-down on drunk drivers, but adds the bill was passed in haste without due consultation of the ramifications.

"Albertans are ... also deeply concerned because it indicates this government passes legislation without listening to anybody," said Marciano.

He also says this shows the Wildrose, polling second to the Tories, are gaining steam.

"This is an indication that the PCs are starting to run scared in places in Alberta," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Grey zone

- Bill 26, to be implemented later this year, targets not only drunk drivers by imposing stiffer licence suspensions and administrative penalties, but also those drivers who are close to the legal limit.
- The Wildrose party says targeting drivers in this legal grey zone, pegged as between .05 and .08 blood-alcohol content, is an infringement on civil rights and does nothing to go after the habitual drunk drivers who they say are the real road menace.

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On the web

Student protests

Four people were injured during student protests as Quebec's battle over tuition-fee hikes took a nasty turn Wednesday. Watch at metronews.ca/video







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This website, Edmonton Stories, will continue moving ahead after a council committee accepted a report on the initiative on Wednesday. SCREENGRAB

Edmonton Stories will not be put on the shelf

Recruiting tool.

Internet, social-media presence key, as Edmonton has country's second-fastest-growing population, economy: Mayor



HEATHER MCINTYRE
heather.mcintyre@metronews.ca

Tales will continue to be told on the Edmonton Stories website, despite a councilor's concern.

An explanation and breakdown of costs of edmontonstories.ca was before a council committee Wednesday.

"Obviously everybody ... wants to see more people coming to Edmonton, getting jobs.... I think the issue is how we do that," said Coun. Kerry Diotte, who tried to cut this year's

\$600,000 budget for the website in December.

The website was launched in 2009 as a way to tell personal stories to raise awareness about the city and attract workers.

Diotte supports the message, but not that \$3.5 million will have been spent by the end of 2012 on a site that can't measure results.

City strategic communications director Robert Moyles said he has heard success stories from both

From a land far, far away

- There are currently 339 stories posted on the site, 44 of them in 16 languages other than English.
- On average, there are 600 visits per day, with 71 per cent of the approximate 560,000 total visits originating outside Edmonton from nearly 10,000 cities in 187 countries.

people and companies, and that the site is a key recruiting tool — important with an impending labour shortage.

In fact, a second phase has been underway for six months, working with partner labour groups on targeted campaigns.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said while perhaps re-evaluating money spent on the website is a good idea, other cities spend millions on such promotion.

Great Divide waterfall

High-level waterfall may still flow

Before deciding whether to turn the tap on the Great Divide waterfall, a council committee voted to get answers on Wednesday. Federal concerns put a halt to it in 2009. Councillors wonder why it was allowed to flow for more than two decades before that, and will seek provincial and federal opinion before further examining ways to keep it. **METRO**

Teddy Waste Awards

Committee that never meets wins award

The 14th annual Teddy Waste Awards were handed out by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation on Wednesday, and the provincial award went to a 21-member all-party committee in the Alberta legislature, where MLAs earn \$1,000 each month — even though they haven't met in more than three years. **METRO**

City Centre Airport

Tenant wants help with moving costs

Canadian Helicopters asked Wednesday for the city's help regarding the cost of relocating from the City Centre Airport, which is closing, to the Edmonton International Airport.

CEO Don Wall said \$200,000 in moving costs and \$100,000 each year for five years would be appropriate. Mayor Stephen Mandel says they'll work with the company.

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Billy-club police move in on Montreal protesters

Quebec's battle over university tuition fee hikes takes a nasty turn as students square off against police in Montreal on Wednesday. Clouds of tear gas wafted over downtown. Riot police used billy clubs to slam their way through protesters who were blocking access to a public building. Some responded by tossing snowballs at officers. Four people were injured. ANDRÉ PICHETTE/LA PRESSE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Global manhunt. Tamil ship 'mastermind' sought

Mounties have launched an international manhunt for the first person charged in connection with a ship that brought hundreds of Tamil migrants to Canada's

West Coast a year and a half ago.

Thayakaran Markandu has been charged with organizing illegal entry into Canada, the RCMP said Wednesday.

The charge relates to the MV Sun Sea, which arrived in August 2010 carrying 492 Tamil migrants.

Markandu, who was born in 1972 according to court

records, is currently believed to be living abroad, although Mounties haven't confirmed where, said Sgt. Duncan Pound.

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Air Canada strike chaos may torpedo March break

Strike threat. Our pension concerns are not being addressed, angry union members warn the airline

Air Canada's biggest union is threatening to strike just as the busy March break travel season gets under way.

Its members are furious over what they consider the airline's refusal to deal with pension issues.

Union vice-president Dave Ritchie said Wednesday the machinists, cargo agents and baggage handlers rejected a tentative deal because Air Canada hasn't addressed the pension concerns — especially after members agreed to millions of dollars in cost cutting to help the airline restructure.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said its 8,600 members will walk off the job if they don't get a new deal by 12:01 a.m. ET on March 12.

Ritchie said if the union were to strike, flights would be grounded because its members provide crucial services such as fixing and servicing planes.

"If we hit the lines, flights will be grounded," Ritchie

Tories worried

Labour Minister Lisa Raitt said the government is taking the labour threat seriously.

- "This is a particularly bad time for thousands of families," Raitt said.
- "We encourage both parties to avoid a work stoppage and restore confidence for the travelling public and Canadian job creators that rely on commercial air services," Raitt added.
- Duncan Dee, Air Canada executive vice-president and CEO, said: "The airline will endeavour to minimize inconvenience to its customers."

pointed out.

Ritchie said the union's negotiating committee underestimated the anger of its membership, who rejected a tentative deal by a 66 per cent margin.

Of particular concern to the union are wages and a sizable pension deficit, which the union says Air Canada has not yet dealt with, despite the sale of \$2 billion of its assets.

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Immigration system. Minister wants better immigrant-job match

Major changes to the immigration system could include erasing a massive backlog of applications, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

He said all options are on the table when it comes to modernizing the process of bringing in who would be immigrants.

"We must have transformational change to move to an immigration program that works for Canada and for newcomers," he said in a speech to the Economic Club of Canada.

He said the changes, which will roll out over the course of 2012, will include one to give the provinces the ability to cherry-pick the immigrants they want.

For now, a pilot program will allow provinces and territories to accept an additional 1,500 immigrants a year if they select them from an existing backlog of skilled-worker applications.

Minister Kenney said the government also needs to be more proactive when it comes to communicating with potential applicants about different routes into Canada.

But NDP Immigration critic Don Davies says while it's im-

Clogged system

There is currently a backlog of over a million applications, including as many as 460,000 in the skilled-worker category.

- **Long process.** Officials told the committee that, without changes to the system, the backlog won't be eliminated until 2017.

portant to match immigrants with economic needs, there needs to be a more holistic approach to the issue.

"Immigration deals with people, it deals with families and human beings," Davies said. "It's not just treating people like economic widgets in a machine that we can ruthlessly bring into our country."

Kenney said that wouldn't be the point of allowing more matching between jobs and immigrants.

"It's not about privatizing the immigration system, it's about a more active role of recruitment for people so they have jobs when they show up," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Canadians spark passion for the Earth

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of Earth Hour, WWF Canada is calling on Canadians to help write Canada's first crowd-sourced song – the Team Earth Hour Anthem. Write a song lyric expressing your love for the planet and why it's important that we protect it, in 140 characters or less, and submit entries on WWF's Facebook page, wwf.ca/earthhouranthem. The submissions will be voted on by the public and the song will be assembled from the top-ranked lyrics. COURTESY OF JEREMIAH ARMSTRONG/WWF-CANADA

Brutal attack

Yemen slaughter

Al-Qaida took responsibility for an assault that left almost 200 soldiers dead in the deadliest defeat the army has faced in its campaign against the militant movement in the south.

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Toy title

Winning model

Habitat 67, a Montreal landmark, has won an international competition among Lego enthusiasts. Lego has said that it would consider creating a toy set inspired by the entry.

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Disease trend

Sick Alaska seals

Wildlife officials say a sick ringed seal that was captured in southeast Alaska last week appears to be afflicted by the same symptoms suffered last year by seals along northern coastlines.

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Accident verdict

Crash findings

A report by New Zealand investigators on how a cargo ship ran aground on a reef last year paints a picture of a crew trying to take short cuts in order to stay on schedule.

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Race still open despite big Romney lead

Republican primaries.

Obama's approval ratings on the rise as Republicans continue to battle it out for the nomination

Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney won in six of 10 Super Tuesday states but managed only the

narrowest victory over rival Rick Santorum in all-important Ohio, an outcome that leaves open the contest for the nomination to challenge President Barack Obama.

Santorum, the former senator, captured three states and Newt Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives, notched a victory in Georgia, the state he represented in Congress for nearly two decades.

Rallying for Romney

Romney is "the only candidate in this race who's got a plan to turn this economy around."

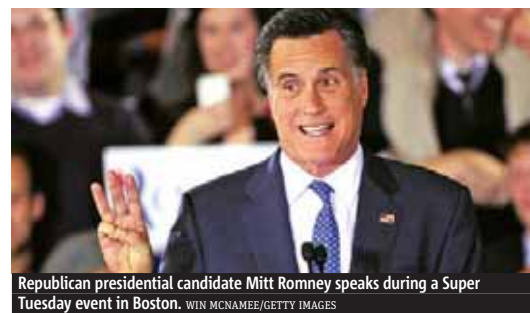
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The mixed results in the 10 state contests held on Tuesday suggest that Romney, despite padding his lead

in the tally of delegates who will pick the nominee this summer, is still struggling to win over the Republican party's most conservative elements.

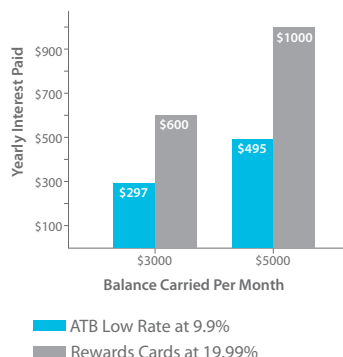
In the aftermath of the Tuesday vote, Obama campaign manager Jim Messina, in a conference call with reporters, said Romney was "limping across the finish line" in primary states.

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Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks during a Super Tuesday event in Boston. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

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Murder trial. Mother testifies she met woman now in jail for girl's killing

Victoria Stafford's mother crossed paths before with the woman convicted of the eight-year-old's murder when she bought drugs at her house, though 18-year-old Terri-Lynne McClintic seemed too strung out to even notice, court heard Wednesday.

McClintic, now 21, pleaded guilty two years ago to first-degree murder in Tori's death. Michael Rafferty, her boyfriend at the time, is now on trial for first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

He has pleaded not guilty. Tara McDonald testified Wednesday at Rafferty's trial and said she was addicted to OxyContin at the time her daughter was abducted outside her Woodstock, Ont., school on April 8, 2009. She had even taken some that day in the hours before Tori was supposed to arrive home from school, she said.

Terri-Lynne McClintic is set to take the stand at Rafferty's trial starting Tuesday, Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney told the jury.

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Tara McDonald, mother of slain Victoria (Tori) Stafford, walks into court in London, Ontario, on Wednesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cyber crime

Terrorists may pursue cyber attacks: FBI director

FBI Director Robert Mueller said Wednesday that terrorists may seek to train their own recruits or hire outsiders with an eye toward pursuing cyber attacks on the United States.

"Terrorists have not used the Internet to launch a full-scale cyber attack, but we cannot underestimate their intent," Mueller told a House subcommittee. He said terrorists have shown interest in developing hacking skills, and that the evolving nature of the problem makes the FBI's counterterrorism mission more difficult.

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Holy hackers

Vatican website hit by hackers

Members of the amorphous hacking group Anonymous claimed Wednesday to have taken down the Vatican website to protest everything from Catholic doctrine to the sexual abuse of children.

The website was inaccessible for much of Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi confirmed the attack but declined to comment on its possible source. He said he didn't know how long it would take the Vatican's technicians to bring the site back up.

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Huge solar flare headed toward Earth

Bright lights. Solar storm of charged particles will smack the Earth at about 6.4M km/h

The largest solar storm in five years is racing toward Earth, threatening to unleash a torrent of charged particles that could disrupt power grids, GPS and airplane flights.

The sun erupted Tuesday evening, and the effects should start smacking Earth between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. EST Thursday, according to forecasters at the federal government's Space Weather Prediction Center. They say the storm, which started with a massive solar flare, is growing as it speeds outward from the sun.

"It's hitting us right in the nose," said Joe Kunches, a scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion. He called it the sun's version of "Super Tuesday."

Scientists say the sun has been relatively quiet for some time. And this storm, while strong, may seem fiercer because Earth has been lulled by several years of weak solar activity.

The solar storm is likely to last through Friday morning, but the region that erupted can still send more blasts our way, Kunches said.

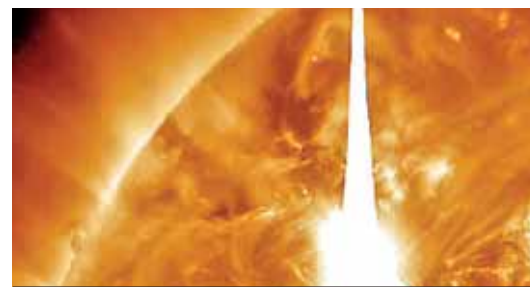
For North America the

"good" part of a solar storm — the one that creates more noticeable auroras or Northern Lights — will peak Thursday evening.

But there is potential for problems. Solar storms havcan disrupt technology on Earth through magnetic, radio and radiation emissions

This is an unusual situation when all three types of solar storm disruptions are likely to be strong, Kunches said.

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An impressive solar flare is heading toward Earth. NASA HANDOUT



'Hippy' model fights back

Canadian-born Ananda Marchildon, the Dutch model who won the television show Holland's Next Top Model, has won a lawsuit against the Elite model agency after she was dropped for having hips that were supposedly too large. The Amsterdam District Court ruled that Marchildon, 25, was entitled to the \$98,000 contract that she won in the 2008 production of the show. SLOGGI / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research progress

Scientists zero in on 'God particle'

More scientists are getting closer in the search for the "God particle" of physics that would help explain the fundamentals of the universe, but they haven't found it yet.

In the hunt for the Higgs boson, which is key to understanding why matter has mass, two teams of physicists have come up with similar findings to those announced late last year by researchers in Europe. While the scientists have not found the elusive subatomic particle, they have narrowed the area where it can be found, if it exists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cheeky clothing

Irish ire on apparel

Urban Outfitters continues drew controversy, with a selection of St. Patrick's Day merchandise that stereotypes the country's natives as drinkers. Among the items prominently displayed this week at some of the trendy chain's stores were women's tops that read "Irish I were drinking" and "Kiss me, I'm drunk, or Irish, or whatever."

New York congressman Joe Crowley, co-chair of the legislature's ad hoc committee on Irish affairs, has asked Urban Outfitters CEO Tedford Marlow to pull the merchandise.

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FIGHT COLD AND FLU SEASON

HAND HYGIENE KEY

How many times did you wash your hands today?

If it's fewer than five times, your risk for catching a cold or flu virus goes up, according to Dr. Bonnie Henry, medical director, Communicable Disease Prevention Service at the B.C. Centre for Disease Control.

With cold and flu season in Canada gearing up and not peaking until early 2012, it's important to do everything you

can to avoid the viruses that cause colds and flu.

"We know that people who wash or clean their hands five times a day are less likely to get colds and flus," says Henry.

Most respiratory viruses spread by coughing, but they can also spread indirectly when people cough into their hands and then touch objects. A virus can survive on commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, countertops, faucets and toys — popular places young children put their little hands on

every day. Kids aren't always as careful with their hygiene as adults — they drop toys, play on the floor, and put their hands in their mouths. Using a product like Mr. Clean with Febreze freshness Disinfectant Liquid can help. It is not only formulated to kill the flu virus (influenza A2) when used as directed, but it also leaves a fresh, pleasant scent behind.

"Viruses can stay alive for 24 to 48 hours," says Donna Wiens, president of the Community and Hospital Infection Control Association (CHICA) and an

RN and infection control specialist.

"So the next person that comes along and turns the doorknob or uses the telephone, is at risk.

"We're big promoters of hand hygiene, cough etiquette (such as covering your mouth when you cough), influenza immunization, and staying home if you're sick. And none of those stand on their own — they all go together."

The other important message: it's everyone's responsibility to do everything possible to avoid spreading germs.

— Ylva Van Buuren

GET WELL SOON



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The average child will get between eight and 12 cold or flu viruses a year, while adults typically get six to eight. The bad news? There's no cure.

"You can't take antibiotics for a virus," says Dr. Jonathan Kerr, a spokesperson for The College of Family Physicians of Canada. "But your body will heal itself in five to 14 days, depending on how severe the virus is."

To get well soon, Kerr recommends following these doctor's orders:

GET PLENTY OF REST If you sleep for a day or two when you first get sick, the world won't stop revolving — and it could help you feel better faster. "I ask my patients how well they're really functioning when they feel miserable," says Kerr. "The body will heal itself if you do the right things, but you have to be patient. It could take a week or two before you feel completely well again."

REPLACE LOST FLUIDS If you're vomiting and sweating or you have diarrhea, drink lots of water or other non-caf-

feinated beverages such as juice and herbal tea. Homemade chicken soup is great too. "If someone who cares about you made it, there's a psychological component that will make you feel better," says Kerr. "Plus it's mostly fluid, and the protein in the chicken will give you some strength." Since ginger has anti-nausea properties, sipping cold or warm flat ginger ale may ease stomach upset.

SEEK OVER-THE-COUNTER RELIEF A pharmacist can help you choose a product to ease a cough, a runny or stuffy nose or muscle aches. Want to try a supplement? Go ahead — some small studies have shown that zinc and echinacea may lessen a virus' duration by half a day if you take them when symptoms start. "If you take the proper dosage, it won't hurt and it might help," says Kerr.

— Jane Doucet



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IS IT A COLD OR FLU?

Cold symptoms include sneezing, runny nose and congestion as well as headache, cough and sore throat. Fever is the hallmark difference, says Wiens. If you have the flu, you may have fever as well as severe body aches and muscle aches.

— Ylva Van Buuren



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RBC research. Home affordability on upswing despite record-high debt

Despite ongoing concerns about household debt, home ownership is becoming more affordable in Canada, says new research by the Royal Bank.

RBC's latest report says home affordability improved in the final months of 2011 for the second consecutive quarter, thanks to softening house

prices and income gains, even though household indebtedness is at a record-high, at 153 per cent of disposable income.

Rates vary widely with Vancouver down to 86 per cent, Toronto at 52.2 per cent, Ottawa at 40.9 per cent, Calgary at 36.7 per cent and Edmonton at 32.8 per cent. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Apple CEO Tim Cook introduces the new iPad during an event in San Francisco on Wednesday. The new iPad features a sharper screen and a faster processor.
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New iPad — it's different, really

New features. Enhanced graphics, faster processor and upgraded camera

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Every time Apple hints at releasing a new product, the rumours begin to swirl. Speculation on what will be announced and the latest features are inevitable. Some of the rumours

turn out to be true, some of them wrong. In the case of the new iPad, the media nailed it.

The new iPad (not the iPad 3 or iPad HD) looks and feels much like the iPad 2. It's 0.6 millimetres thicker and 51 grams heavier — hardly noticeable.

The easiest way to tell the difference is by looking at the screen. Apple calls it the Retina display, because it's nearly impossible to pick out individual pixels with the naked eye. The new iPad has four times the number of pixels than the iPad

2, with 264 pixels per square inch. This means it has one million more pixels than the high-definition TV in your living room. Text is much clearer and easier to read. Graphics also look smooth and polished.

The enhanced graphics are made possible by Apple's new A5X processor. The chip allows for quad-core graphics, double the performance of the iPad 2. Those who love to play games will see the value in the chip.

One of my biggest disappointments with the iPad 2 was the camera quality. Apple

says it has listened to customer feedback and decided to change the cameras. The rear of the new iPad will feature a new five-megapixel iSight camera with auto focus, face detection and auto white balance. It will also have the ability to record 1080p HD video at 30 frames per second. The front camera remains VGA-quality, which may disappoint some.

The last feature is the ability to download and surf the web faster, supporting 4G and LTE. The new iPad will be available March 16th, starting at \$519.



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China asks for 'dialogue' over trade measures

Beijing. Commerce minister reacts to U.S. decision that allows tariffs

China's commerce minister criticized new trade enforcement measures approved by the U.S. Congress as a violation of free trade, but acknowledged Wednesday that some local Chinese authorities might be improperly subsidizing exporters.

Chen Deming said Beijing is committed to following World Trade Organization free-trade principles, but insisted it is not bound by the laws of individual countries.

"The recent move by the U.S. Congress is not consistent with U.S. laws and WTO rules," Chen said at a news conference during the annual meet-



Chen Deming
VINCENT THIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing of China's legislature.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure Tuesday affirming the powers of the Commerce Department to impose higher duties on goods from China and other state-dominated economies that subsidize exports. The

Senate approved the measure Monday.

The measure is a response to a U.S. court ruling in December that Commerce lacked the authority to impose such duties. The bill would ensure that 24 existing tariff orders — 23 of them directed at Chinese subsidies — and six pending investigations remain valid.

Chen appealed for a "heart-to-heart dialogue" with the United States over what constitutes a subsidy, noting that Washington provided aid to American automakers following the 2008 financial crisis.

"The Chinese central government has no prohibited subsidies provided to economic entities," Chen said.

"But China is a big country. At some regional or subnational level there might be some subsidies that might be problematic."

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TRAVELLING AMONG THE BLUFFS



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Backpackers must never show weakness.

When trekking through foreign lands, as I plan to in September, you must make it clear to fellow adventurers that you

have travelled much farther, experienced far more and appreciated it all on a far deeper level than they could ever know.

Furthermore, you must make it clear that, though your experiences would thrill and delight the average middle-of-the-pack backpacker, to you it was a bit of a bore.

If a fellow traveller saw the village church, you went inside and had a spiritual moment. If he went bungee jumping, you went skydiving. If he climbed Mount Everest, you reached the summit with a really tall Sherpa and then stood on his shoulders.

Of course, we're all bluffing, and couldn't imagine a week-end without beer, let alone a few days without water. But all backpackers do this. It's just the way things are done.

It's been several years since I went backpacking, but these primal truths came rushing back to me this week as a salesman showed me some of the camping gear I'd need.

Immediately, instinctively, I began bluffing. The salesman said, "This is a Hybrid EC tent with bultable tarmac eco-stretch and composite MoldProtect fibre, of course." And I said, "Of course," furrowing my brow in a way that I hoped conveyed world-class knowledge of tent construction, when I was actually thinking, "How come people only say 'of course' when you have no idea what they're talking about?"

If I'd shown my ignorance, I could have lost my backpacker cred, had my hostel card ripped up and been stripped of my blister strips.

I know it makes me seem like a fool, but it's the same in hostels worldwide. So don't feel guilty, fellow bluffers.

Condescending tone aside ...

If we were to talk about how scared we were on our journeys, or how ill-prepared, or how we really just spent the last week going to bars, ogling women and demonstrating the medicinal powers of cheap whiskey, well, the whole backpacking system would fall apart.

We'd lose the sense of competition. The lure of travel would cease. And, before long, we'd all be staying home.

Potential backpackers would instead be stuck going to neighbourhood bars, ogling women and drinking whiskey. And, let's face it, that's really

kind of pathetic.

So remember, the important thing is to share your stories and listen to your fellow travellers, speaking in a condescending tone one might use with a clever dog. "Oh, you went THERE. Good for YOU. That's really GREAT."

And, barring that, just remember the greatest travel quote ever, as penned by novelist Robert L. Coburg. I'd rehash it here, but you know what it is. Of course.



One unwritten rule of the backpackers' road: bluff. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The female Arnolds



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The women

Online buzz for bodybuilders

NEW YORK. German-born, N.Y.C.-based photographer Martin Schoeller shot the ladies of the Olympia bodybuilding competitions years ago, for a book.

But this week, they went viral. "I wanted to get behind the bodybuilder's mask, behind the profession and bring out the person beneath everything," he says. **MWN**

Generating



"These were women who loved what they were doing, and they were willing to work at it."

Martin Schoeller
N.Y.C.-based photographer

Online

Why people forwarded it ...

NEW YORK. Hot aggregation sites like buzzfeed.com are on constant lookout for photo essays of the weird and wonderful.

These photos got thousands of hits there and on the Huffington Post for the same reason Schoeller started the project. "I thought to myself, 'Why would anyone possibly want to look like that?'" he says. **MWN**

Criticism

... and why people got mean

NEW YORK. Though Schoeller is grateful that the project is getting attention almost four years after publication, he was especially shocked by negative comments online.

"People were hateful to these women. I knew there would be controversy, but I didn't expect that. Our notions of what is beautiful are so narrow." **MWN**

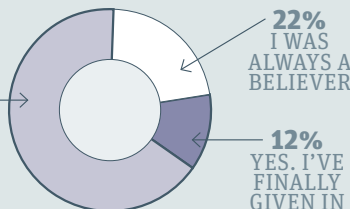


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Bieber's mom gets book deal

Justin Bieber's mom is going to get the chance to tell her version of the story of her son's rise to pop superstardom. Pattie Mallette has signed a deal with Revell Books to publish her memoir, *Nowhere But Up: The Story of Justin Bieber's Mom* is slated for release Sept. 18, and will include a foreword written by Bieber himself.



Calling TV stupid makes you seem smart—but why does TV still invite disrespect?



Bust a Move with Richard Simmons on March 24. ALBERTA CANCER FOUNDATION

Sweatin' to the Simmons



When Pheobe Day needed to come up with an event for the Alberta Cancer Foundation's breast health campaign, she didn't have to look any further than her colleagues in Halifax.

With that, the event now known as Bust a Move headed west. On March 24, participants will be challenged to a six-hour exercise ses-

"Whether you're an average Joe or a Jane Fonda work-

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Fran Drescher's real life inspires oddball sitcom

Happily Divorced.
Series based on comedian's offscreen divorce to Hollywood ex-husband

MEREDITH ENGEL

Metro World News in New York

In the penultimate episode of *Happily Divorced* last season, Fran Drescher's character sleeps with her ex-husband, who in the pilot episode came out of the closet.

As the comedy series is based on Drescher's own life, we had to ask: was that rendezvous inspired by true events?

"No, once we divorced we never got drunk and had sex," she says of her friendly ex, Peter Marc Jacobson, adding her trademark laugh.

Though their romantic relationship ended after 21 years of marriage, the two, who co-created the '90s hit television show *The Nanny*, still maintain a very close bond.

They are now working together again on the second season of *Happily Divorced*, which premiered its anticipated season this week.

Drescher tells Metro World News that we'll see her character, also coincidentally named Fran, finding herself "more and more as an independent single woman" and also get introduced to some interesting secondary characters in the series.

"We're gonna meet some of [the character] Peter's family," Drescher says. "Peter's got a brother,

[which] was how I actually met my ex — I met the brother first, and we were supposed to go out and then he couldn't go, so he asked if Peter could take me on the date. And then Peter and I ended up falling in love. But now, all these years later, Peter comes out to his brother, and his brother's now divorced, and we're divorced, so he asks me out on a date [on the show]," the actress explains.

We'll also meet Fran's loving parents, as well as see more of her best friend Judi: "she's got a lot more to do in this season."

And while the show is a comedy, deeper feelings and life lessons are really at the crux of it.

"The shows themselves are coming out so good and so funny and so full of pathos and healing and laughter," Drescher says of the series' amazing cathartic qualities.

"We're very proud of this second season."

No canned laughs

Fran Drescher takes a unique approach to her laugh-out-loud sitcom, *Happily Divorced*.

- Like *The Nanny*, *Happily Divorced* is filmed in front of a live studio audience. Drescher wouldn't have it any other way.
- "I think with a comedy, it's nice to hear the laughs. It helps bring the energy up," Drescher says. "You feel the energy of the audience and their laughter. And that really helps the show have a performance level that seems to work well and get the home viewers energized."



Fran Drescher GETTY IMAGES

TV. GCB brings Southern sass and big hair to the small screen

AMBER RAY

Metro World News in New York

Despite the saying, you can go home again — especially if your swindling financier husband dies in a freak accident with his mistress, leaving you with absolutely nothing. In that case, things are different.

Really different, actually, as former mean girl Amanda Vaughn learns when she moves with her kids into the house of her Dallas socialite mother in the new soap *GCB*, which premiered Sunday night on CTV.

Played with plucky resolve by Leslie Bibb, Amanda finds the queen bee crown she once wore usurped by a former rival (Kristin Chenoweth), who is now hell-bent on revenge.

"She was pretty horrific," Bibb says of her character. "High school is ... like a shark tank. She's now looking at everything being slapped in her



Leslie Bibb HANDOUT PHOTO

face, [people] saying, 'You were awful. You did this. You did this.' So it's a constant realization of what she used to be."

How Amanda will convince her former classmates that she's changed in the last 20 years is where the drama lies.

"Every human being has a moment of being bitchy," Bibb says. "I think when a woman's a bitch, usually it's based on being scared — they're scared of the mirror that they're seeing."

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Drinking while pregnant? Meatball problems



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Jersey Shore star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi has taken to the cover of *Us Weekly* to announce what everyone already knew: that she's pregnant and engaged.

"I have different priorities now," Polizzi says. "I don't care what anybody else thinks. As long as I know I'm ready and (fiancé

Jionni LaValle) is ready." The reality star admits that discovery of her pregnancy — right after New Year's — caused a moment of panic. Her first thought? "S—, I've been drinking," she says.

"I was worried. It was New Year's Eve and we were in Vegas, so I did go crazy." **METRO**

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Fashion magazine covers

Doin' the bump



THE WORD

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As a fellow pregnant lady, I'm all for Jessica Simpson posing on the cover of *Elle* magazine while hoisting around a fetus. Yay for the miracle of life and all that.

But why oh why did she have to do it naked?

With the exception of Demi Moore's famous 1991 nude pregnancy photo for *Vanity Fair*, which set the bar for pregnancy photo shoots, why have any of these stars shown off their naked bellies on magazine covers?

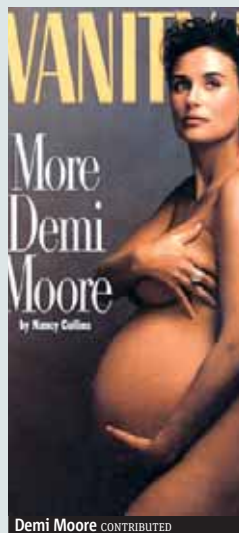
It's as though these magazines — and starlets — need to flaunt the skin, just so you won't mistake them for being, well, fat.

Because a woman with actual curves on a fashion magazine? What a crazy concept!

But perhaps I'm wrong and am just being a prude. What do you think of the omnipresent naked pregnant celebrity cover trend? Do you want more naked bump in your life or do you prefer your pregnant celebrities lookin' good, but with maybe a shirt on?



Jessica Simpson CONTRIBUTED



Demi Moore CONTRIBUTED

Hewitt likes her boobs

Jennifer Love Hewitt has something in common with her fans when it comes to appreciating certain parts of her anatomy.

"It's horrible to say, but I like my boobs," the former *Ghost Whisperer* star tells *Maxim* magazine when asked what body part she is most proud of.

"They've always served me well. They're good." Well, maybe they haven't served her that well recently, the currently single Hewitt admits: "It might sound so stupid, but guys do not hit on me," she says. "I'm not really sure why."

It had been a rainy season in the city of lights, and inside the packed houses of Paris Fashion Week style continued to take front-line fashionistas by storm

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Givenchy

Riccardo Tisci's show, always one of the most hotly anticipated on the Paris calendar, didn't disappoint with a collection inspired by the equestrian world and the '70s work of photographer Guy Bourdin. Forget the sexless tweedy hunting set; Tisci's horsey theme was racy with an S&M sensibility.

5

shows that rocked the Paris runways

Barbara Bui

Barbara Bui referenced Asia in a series of silk dresses and jackets that came printed or embroidered with Chinese tigers and florals. Nothing was quite as memorable as the androgynous trouser suits she did in black and white for evening that opened the show. They were chic and simple and best showed off her knack for cutting a mean pair of pants, a talent women the world over seek her out for.



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Louis Vuitton

Marc Jacobs chose to summon up a bygone era of luxury travel for his Louis Vuitton show. The large, flamboyant hats were back, only slightly more refined. Same with the embroidered jackets, dresses and coats that the models wore layered over long skirts and wide, cropped pants. Unconventional, yes. But don't be surprised to see outsize layers trickling down to the high street come next season.

Yves Saint Laurent

Stefano Pilati bade farewell to the infamous Parisian fashion house after a 10-year tenure.

There were no tears, just a collection of chic, predominantly black silhouettes that referenced the house's '70s and '80s eras. The macabre colour palette, cinched waists, sizeable lapels, wide shoulders and sharp tailoring marked what could be regarded as a somber day for Pilati.

However, the leather tunic tops, trousers and chainmail dresses redolent of strength and resilience were lightened in mood with the introduction of an embroidered calla lily.



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Kenzo

It's no easy task to impress hundreds of soggy, cranky fashion editors who schlepped through the rain to a far-out part of Paris to see a 15-minute show.

But that's what Humberto Leon and Carol Lim did for their second collection as creative directors of Kenzo.

The collection was just as fun as the show experience itself, featuring clothes that struck the right balance between creative, original and wearable. There were tailored and knit separates in autumnal florals and grapes; silk jumpsuits in vaguely Asian silhouettes; skirt and trouser suits in a mash-up of graphic combos — the list goes on.



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Fashion at your front door

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Founded in Germany, GLOSSYBOX is a monthly subscription beauty service that is making its Canadian debut. Each month, members receive five luxury cosmetics wrapped in the company's signature powder-pink box. At \$15 a month, GLOSSYBOX provides its clients with new beauty trends and products and a fashionable way to store their ever-growing beauty collection.

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On the Web



Chanel, Alexander McQueen entice fantasy of ice and feathers at Paris ready-to-wear shows.



Create an accent wall with a bright, cheery pattern. iSTOCK

Freshen up for spring with some new wall designs and colours

DIY Ideas. Painting with templates is a fun and inexpensive way to update the look of your home

If you're looking for a fun DIY activity over the March break, painting with templates is a great place to start. Sweat Equity host Amy Matthews helps homeowners determine which home improvement projects will return the most bang for their buck and a fresh new wall design is sure to create a stylish and updated look.

Brainstorm

Painting with templates is an emerging decorating trend that offers a great deal of versatility. A border pattern can be applied to a kid's room, an accent wall

to a bedroom or a mural created in a living room. There are many types of stencils to choose from including plastic and cardboard varieties as well as removable wall stickers for a simpler option. Plastic stencils are washable and reusable after paint is applied whereas cardboard varieties eventually need to be replaced; keep this in mind if you plan on creating a larger border. The variety of fun designs available at craft and home décor stores allows for a truly personalized creation.

Getting started

Explore colour combinations on a sample area. Smooth walls will produce crisp designs so it is always a good idea to ensure that they are clean, dust-free and in good condition before applying the pattern. Any chips can be filled, primed and painted prior to stenciling. Flat paint

is recommended over semi-gloss so that the stencil pattern adheres more readily.

Painting advice

It is best to use a "drybrush" technique when working with stencils. This means using a paint brush that is relatively dry but still holds paint. If using a roller, roll it over the paint until mostly absorbed and then blot off any excess paint. Foam rollers work better than fluffy rollers. Always use light to medium pressure when painting over a stencil as excessive pressure may cause paint to bleed. A second coat can always be applied if desired. Attach stencils to the wall using painter's tape and a leveler. Once paint is dry to the touch, carefully remove the stencil.

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Dear Charles the butler, My Whirlpool washing machine is leaking a little bit. It happens in the front of the machine. It starts leaking when it starts to fill with water. It's not much but I am scared it could get worse. Also, the dryer, which is on top of the washer, is not drying clothes even if I set it to

high temperature. Please let me know what you think of these issues. Will they be costly to repair? Thanks for your help and have a good day!

Dear Renuka,

Any leak from a washing machine has to be corrected. I guess because you talk about the leak coming from the front, it must be the rubber seal or gasket around the door.

Regardless of what this will cost to fix, it is imperative that you have it looked at ASAP, because whatever it costs to repair this problem, it will be 100 times less

expensive than a catastrophic leak.

Now regarding your dryer. Though I'm not a repairman I would suspect you have one of two problems: either the exhaust needs to be cleaned or the unit is simply not heating correctly due to a mechanical problem.

Either of these problems will stop the machine from having the ability to dry clothes. Rather than wasting costly electricity, my advice is to have a certified Whirlpool repairman come to the house to assess and repair the problem.

Good luck and let us know how it turns out!



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This ain't your grandma's wallpaper, baby

Old made new. Wallpaper isn't just something you change on your cellphone every other day. Stick some on your wall too.

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Forget everything you already know about wallpaper, because it's no longer a stuffy, dated eyesore from the '70s.

Top designers, including Back Bay interior designer Allison Sheffield, are using it in creative new ways to breathe fresh life into the historically staid wall covering.

Sheffield spoke with Metro about new trends, the best rooms to use wallpaper in and how to decorate without breaking the bank.

A little goes a long way

"Doing one wall seems less daunting, or using it in a powder room is [very impactful]. It doesn't take a lot of expensive paper to make a big impact."

Back Bay interior designer Allison Sheffield

1. The first step in using wallpaper in your home is realizing it doesn't have to be a permanent commitment, says Sheffield.

"I grew up with a mom who knew how to wallpaper. I never saw it as permanent."

2. Ease yourself into it by focusing on a small room, such as a powder room, or an accent wall.

"Doing one wall seems

less daunting, or using it in a powder room is [very impactful]. It doesn't take a lot of expensive paper to make a big impact."

Wallpapering an accent wall can take the place of an expensive piece of art to draw the eye to a focal point in the room, says Sheffield. Wallpapering a ceiling is also an option, she says.

"Wallpapering the ceiling in a powder room makes it

seem like you are walking into a jewel box."

3. Scraps of wallpaper can be used to line bookshelves or to highlight mouldings or woodwork.

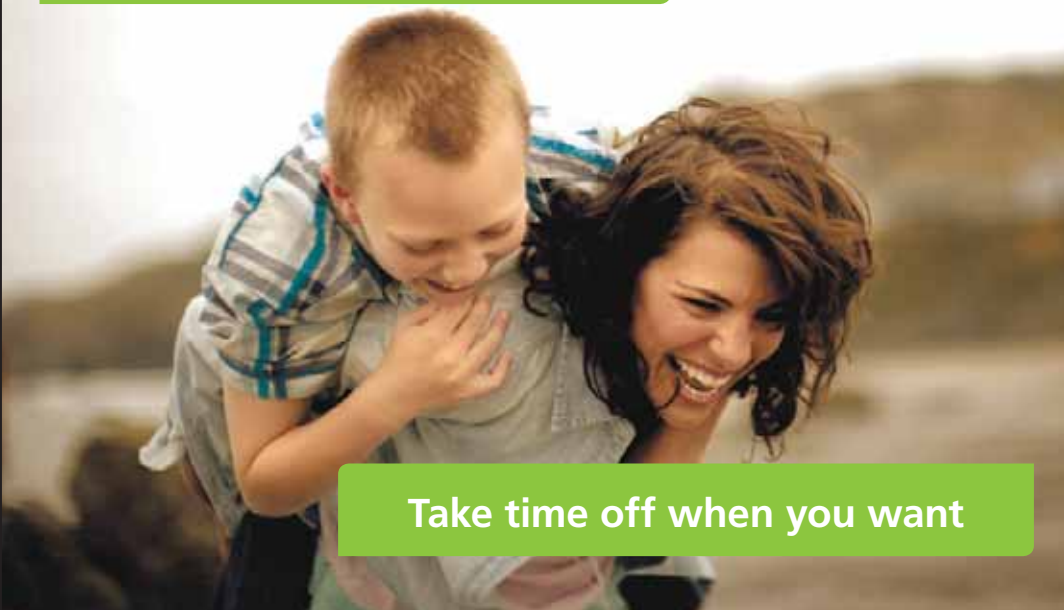
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On feminism:

Jeanne: To me that whole idea of feminism, while it was such a godsend when we first caught wind of it or first started to really champion it in the '60s when I was growing up, now seems a little old-fashioned. Although, I'm not sure — what do you guys feel about that?"

Bekky: I think feminism is a very dangerous thing to define because the second you do, you start aggravating people who don't agree with your definition of it. (...) I don't know if it's a matter of feminism so much as recognizing the humanity of the person regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

Jeanne: I remember when I was even a bit younger than my girls are now and I was going to university or college and reading Germaine Greer's works, Gloria Steinem. (...) Everybody was just reading these works about (feminism) and what it meant, and how we had to start thinking. Then all of a sudden it just became part of the way I saw the world and part of my psyche and I would hope part of my whole generation's psyche.

On women's rights:

Bekky: It's always necessary to fight for whatever rights you can. I think that we have to defend ourselves. When people aren't paying attention to what their rights are, their rights are taken away from them. We're very fortunate to be living in Canada where (human rights) are less of an issue than in other parts of the world, but I think that gay rights and queer rights and trans rights and rights of these even more marginalized groups than women are what come to mind as being more important to fight for nowadays.

Jeanne: Certainly in this country.

Bekky: Exactly, and I think that's an important distinction to make.

Jeanne: And we have special rights too. When I think of how, when I decided to have a baby all those years ago, there was no such thing as a year of mat leave. Now it's thrilling that women have that option today — they certainly did not have it 20-odd years ago when I was having my kids.

Lessons from motherhood:

Jeanne: I've learned that it's important to be very open-minded. I was a pretty open-minded individual but you have to be even more open-minded. I feel I'm still learning not to be quick

to judge, more tolerant. I think my kids just teach me to be a better person because they've taught me a lot about unconditional love and the necessity of encouraging people to blaze their own trails and not follow in footsteps. The number one question that I absolutely detest is when people ask if my daughters are following my footsteps. What do you think, I've raised a couple of followers, I've raised a couple of wimps? Without question, my daughters are blazing their own trails as I feel that I did and would never want them to just be a second act in that way. They're an opening act for their own generation and hopefully one day maybe their own families.

On having it all:

Jeanne: Above all, I think what my daughters taught me is that love will find a way. It sounds really corny,

but a lot of people would have looked at me and thought "you've got such a crazy busy career, how can you possibly take the time to sit back and have a family?" I went back to work after like three weeks with each of them. (...) I had to protect what I had worked so hard for, and I didn't grow up at a time when I thought I could have it all. And I still think you can, in bits and pieces

maybe and maybe not all at once, but I'm determined to kill myself trying. They really taught me that love will find a way and that if you really are passionate about something, if you really love something, you will find a way to make it work in your life. Just don't take no for an answer.

On having children:

Jeanne: Do it! do it! do

Life lessons from Mom**Bekky**

- **Do it all.** Anything is possible if you want it enough; that it is important to be courageous and tenacious and inexhaustible; and that you can do all these things in a pair of four-inch high heels and still look fabulous while you are doing it.

Joey

- **Don't settle.** I think that she didn't settle is something that I really love and that she's still pushing to fulfill her dreams. We understand that, and there are sacrifices and we don't get to spend all the time in the world with her. And she does fall asleep during movies because she's so exhausted.

it! You don't need a lot of children, but at least one, or maybe two, if you can! If you can, not everyone can, not everyone's inclined to and inspired to, but if you're sitting on the fence and you're thinking about it, I say yes, just do it. It really gives you incredible perspective on the human experience and it's the most rewarding thing. To me it's the best thing I ever did in my life.

Bekky: Having children, I don't know. *Raising* children, I think yes, if you have the ability to love and provide for and take care of another person, that is probably — well, I don't know, I haven't done it, maybe it's terrible — but I think it's the kindest, most generous thing you can do.

Joey: I don't know. Yeah, I could have children but if I couldn't for some reason, I would love to adopt.



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JEANNE & HER GIRLS

To mark International Women's Day, journalist Brigitte Noel spent time speaking to Metro columnist Jeanne Beker and her daughters, Joey and Bekky, about feminism, motherhood, role models and more...

HAVING IT ALL IN HEELS

On marriage:

Bekky: (It's) very useful? Perhaps a bit outdated. I recently got married to my partner because we couldn't live in the same country. I never believed in marriage. I didn't want the big white dress with the flowers, it just wasn't my thing! (...)

Joey: If you're going to be together, why do you need to prove it to anyone, why do you need a symbol? Then again, I guess I always imagined it being one day a part of my life, so I'm still not sure where I stand.

Jeanne: As someone who's been married twice... Love was definitely a big part of it. When you're younger, there's a lot more idealism associated with marriage, obviously because you're so intent on getting it right, you dream about that, there's never really any doubt in your mind that you will get it right. But as you get older and you realize how many people don't get it right or can't make it work, can't make it last. (...) At this stage of the game, I still say that if I was so inclined, madly, crazy, mentally in love — the operative word is mentally — in love with someone, or really found the right person that I really wanted to share my life with to that degree, because I think it really speaks of a true partnership, I would do it.

On the Kardashians:

Jeanne: Oooooohh!

Joey: I don't know who they are?

Jeanne: We don't watch them at our house. We don't allow that.

Advice to women:

Bekky: Read books by women. (...) Figure out who you are and be proud of it. I think so many girls want to be someone else because it's easier and I think that denying the things you love is dangerous. Embrace what you need out of life.

Jeanne: I'd say go for it, be fearless, be tenacious, and to thine own self be true. Dream big, but work hard, and never give up.

Bekky: Always carry a pair of flats in your purse!

Jeanne: I never do!

Joey: I gave you those flats to carry and you put them in the basement!

Jeanne: The ones in my stocking? Were those from you?

Joey: Yes!!

Jeanne: I thought they were from Santa. I was looking for them, I'll take them to Paris.

1875

First graduate

Grace Annie Lockhart receives a bachelor of science and English literature from Mount Allison University.

1875

Medecine woman

Jennie Kidd Trout is the first woman in Canada to become certified as a physician.

1911

Worthy of celebration

In Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland, more than one million women and men gather to celebrate the First International Women's Day.

1916

At the polls

Manitoba grants women the right to vote; Saskatchewan and Alberta soon follow suit. In 1918, the Canada Elections Act gives the federal vote to all women over the age of 21.

1925

Grounds for divorce

A change in the federal law makes it possible for women to seek divorce on the same grounds as men.

1929

Official persons

The "Famous Five"—Irene Parlby, Nellie McClung, Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards and Louise Crummy McKinney—change Canada's definition of "person" to include women.

1954

Fair wages

The federal government declares its fair wages policy. In 1956, the Female Employees Equal Pay Act renders sex-based wage discrimination illegal.

1969

Right to choose

Under Pierre Trudeau's Liberal government, contraception is decriminalized and abortion becomes an option for some women.

1989

Life of the party

In the Yukon, New Democratic Party MP Audrey McLaughlin is elected the first woman ever to lead a national political party.

1991

Premier league

In British Columbia, Rita Johnston becomes the country's first female provincial premier, followed closely by Prince Edward Island's Catherine Callbeck, elected in 1993.

1992

Out of this world

Scientist Roberta Bondar is the first Canadian woman (and the second Canadian) to be launched into space.

1993

Like a boss

Progressive Conservative Party member Kim Campbell is sworn in as Canada's first (and to date, only) female Prime Minister.

ANI DIFRANCO

Grammy Award-winning feminist folk artist Ani DiFranco weighs in on why women compete against one another in the workplace. How can we address the issue? "With humour!" DiFranco tells Metro.

"WE HAVE TO RETHINK FEMINISM."



KAREN WATSON
Metro World News in London

The prolific singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco is heralded as a feminist icon. With more than 20 albums under her name, the Grammy Award-winner is best known for her audacious, outspoken songs about sexism, civil injustice and other social issues. When Metro met her in London, we were greeted by a folk artist, with her unruly hair and knitted, woolen top, oozing a sense of inner strength and poise; she waxed lyrical on the big

Profile

- Name.** Angela Maria DiFranco
- Age.** 41
- Occupation.** Singer-songwriter, guitarist
- In the news.** Regarded as one of the more influential folk singer-songwriters of her generation, thanks to her energetic, politically charged sound.

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question of women versus women at work.

Why do you think women are mean to each other?

I guess it has a lot to do with patriarchy, the underlying social structure of the globe, which tends to make women competitors for men. So I think patriarchy needs to be addressed for many reasons—that being just one.

In what way can it be addressed, do you think?

We have to rethink feminism. We have an outdated idea of what it is: a crusade for equal pay, safety on the streets, basic rights, etc. I think we need to understand feminism as a kind of prerequisite to healing all of our other social diseases.

Patriarchy is the elephant in the room we are not addressing politically.

And until we do I don't think we can experience human nature. It's sort of a lop-sided polarity of yin-yang.

How can we address it? With humour! (laughs)

We need to be kind and tolerant of each other, and realize that we're dealing with something that's bigger than all of us. We can all fall prey to it. Understanding that, we must struggle together as allies, male and female, to balance our society and cut each other slack along the way.

You. Are. Not. A. Bitch. Neither. Is. She

International Women's Day. Metro's global editor-in-chief Maggie Samways advises the sisterhood to stick together

MAGGIE SAMWAYS
Metro World News in London

I'm proud to work for a company run by women. Metro's board of directors

has a chairwoman, not a chairman; two out of the five executive management team are women—and I'm one of them. I'm the proud employer of women—50 per cent of my team are women. I'm proud to count ambitious, brilliant women as colleagues and friends. That said, before my first board meeting presentation, I couldn't sleep, worried about ... the other women. The presentation was solid, I knew I'd impress the "suits." But having never

met anyone, I wasn't sure the "skirts" in the room would let me get away with it: they'd find a way to make me look stupid, to trip me up. I was concerned that those who should be my best allies could be my worst enemy. That feeling led to the premise of this special issue. Why do we spend so much energy cutting ourselves down? Sniping, whispering, threatening? We need to take control of the message women send to



each other, and about each other: you're not bossy, you're assertive; you're not emotional, you're intuitive. You. Are. Not. A. Bitch. And

neither is she.

American magazine GOOD (good.is) recently ran a campaign called Promote Women: Use your Network to Solve the Gender Gap. They challenged us to 1) Think of three women in our industry who are under-noticed. 2) Think of three powerful people in our industry that we know personally. 3) Connect them! Recommend your under-noticed, under-paid and otherwise under-exposed women colleagues—and tell them you did.

I would like to extend this challenge to Metro's readers. Ladies, women, girls; present and future CEOs, presidents and professionals: be the mentor you needed. Cut the crap. Stop the gossip. And extend your hand. Just before my board room presentation, both women walked to the front of the room, shook mine, and told me I'd do just fine. And I flew. Mean girls—what mean girls? THIS was the way it should be. @THEEDITRIX

Making classic butter chicken is easier than you may think

Butter chicken is an Indian staple that has become popular in North America.

Ingredients

4 portions
Preparation: 20 minutes
Cooking: 40 minutes

- 2 lbs. (1 kg) boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) tandoori masala
- 1 tablespoon (15 ml) garlic ginger paste
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- 3 (14-ounce/398 ml) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) paprika
- 1 cup (250 ml) light cream (20%)
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) grated palm sugar or soft brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons (45 ml) chilled ghee
- 1/2 teaspoon (2 ml) salt
- 2 tablespoons (30 ml) chopped fresh cilantro

However, many people are intimidated by what goes into making the delicious dish.

In her book, *My Cooking Class Indian Basics*, Jody Vassallo offers this step-by-step version to make it simple.

The dish is very rich so you may want to leave out the ghee at the end if you would like to reduce the amount of fat. You can also marinate the chicken overnight for a more intense flavour. Make sure you grill the chicken until it blackens slightly, Vassallo advises.

1 Preheat a grill. Put the chicken in a bowl, add the tandoori masala, garlic-ginger paste and yogurt and mix well, until the chicken is coated.

2 Arrange the chicken in a shallow baking dish and cook under the hot grill until tender.

3 Remove the chicken from the dish and set aside.

4 Pour the juices from the baking dish into a pan

Butter Chicken



This recipe serves four. JAMES LYNDSEY, FIREFLY BOOKS 2011

and add the tomatoes, garam masala, paprika, cream and sugar.

5 Bring the mixture to a boil and cook over high heat for 10 minutes, until the sauce

is thick and creamy. Add the cooked chicken, the ghee and salt and simmer for 3 minutes, until the ghee melts and the chicken is heated through.

6 Sprinkle the cilantro on top and serve with lime wedges and freshly cooked rice. **RECIPE USED WITH PERMISSION FROM INDIAN BASICS: 82 RECIPES ILLUSTRATED STEP BY STEP BY JODY VASSALLO; FIREFLY BOOKS 2011 (\$24.95 PAPERBACK)**

Cookbook of the Week

Indian Basics: 85 Recipes Illustrated Step by Step

Ever wanted to try cooking an Indian meal but felt intimidated by ingredients or the cooking process?

In her book *Indian Basics 85 Recipes Illustrated Step by Step*, author Jody Vassallo visually guides the reader through every step of preparing an Indian meal.

Each recipe begins with a photo that displays the ingredients. Next, detailed, start-to-finish sequential pictures, accompanied by concise text, demonstrates the steps necessary to complete the dish. **METRO**



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Alberta the easy winner in battle of Koe brothers

Yukon and Northwest Territories skip Jamie Koe, left, looks on as brother and Alberta skip Kevin Koe lines up a shot on Wednesday morning at the Tim Hortons Brier in Saskatoon. Kevin thumped his younger brother 11-3. The Territories (5-4) made it three losses in a row later in the day, losing to Manitoba's Rob Fowler 10-5. Manitoba (6-3) was victorious over Alberta (7-2) in a late match, but Alberta still has a chance to catch Ontario (8-1) for the top spot. Ontario and Alberta meet in the final round-robin draw Thursday.

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Defence the way forward for Oil



THE HOCKEY NEWS

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The Oilers pulled off one of the few intriguing trades on deadline day when they sent Tom Gilbert to Minnesota for fellow blue-liner Nick Schultz. Naturally, the two bring different skills to the back end, with Gilbert's offensive abilities replaced by Schultz's refined defensive acumen. There's also the matter of leadership, which the ex-Wild rearguard heartily brings to Edmonton.

Though Schultz is only a year older than Gilbert, it's

no stretch to say he will be an important voice in the Oilers room. Playing on a Minnesota team that quickly and spectacularly fell off the rails this year, Schultz was still accountable to the media when called upon and his Minnesota teammates were quick to mourn the loss of their comrade when the trade went down.

In the four games Schultz has played for the Copper and Blue, you can't say Edmonton's record has improved (1-3, and if you really want to be cynical, the Oilers gave their opponents seven of eight possible points, since the San Jose win was in a shootout), but

Locker-room presence

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the short-term is pretty irrelevant this year.

Heading into next season, Schultz gives Edmonton another voice in the room when there are games that matter

and a little less risk-reward behaviour. Certainly Gilbert was one of the best Edmonton D-men when healthy, but sometimes a team needs a particular type of player and on an Oilers team that will still be quite young next season, Schultz's steady game means more than Gilbert's flash. After all, with Jordan Eberle hitting the 30-goal mark already this year, it's safe to say Edmonton will have no shortage of exciting offence once again come 2012-13.

The off-season will still be key for general manager Steve Tambellini. There is no impact defenceman waiting in the system, though several

are not far off. Sure, you may see Colten Teubert or maybe even Oscar Klefbom, but either would be taking on a smaller depth role as they get acclimated to the NHL (especially Klefbom, who hasn't even come to North America yet, let alone played in NHL games, as Teubert has).

Is Schultz the difference between failure and the playoffs? Not on his own, no. But he's another building block and a step in the right direction. More must be done to shore up the back end, but it's nice to see Tambellini's vision coming together now — and finding more than just talented forwards.

Oilers preview

Montreal at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.

(Sportsnet West)

The Oilers (26-34-6) host Montreal (25-32-10), which has won two of its past 10. The Canadiens lost 5-4 to Calgary on Tuesday despite a late comeback attempt. Max Pacioretty scored twice in the loss. Pacioretty has 28 goals this season and is tied for the team lead in points at 51 with David Desharnais. Rene Bourque failed to produce against his former team and has just four goals and two assists in 23 games since being traded to Montreal by the Flames.

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MLB



"I wasn't rushing. I thought I threw the ball well ... felt on time with my body and mechanics."

Blue Jays starter Brandon Morrow after allowing one hit in two innings in Toronto's 3-3 tie with the Boston Red Sox in a split-squad spring-training game Wednesday. The Jays' other squad lost 8-6 to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Soccer

Messi makes scoring history

Lionel Messi took his scoring prowess to yet another level on Wednesday, becoming the first player to net five goals in a Champions League game as Barcelona thrashed Bayer Leverkusen 7-1 Wednesday to ease into the quarter-finals.

The 24-year-old Messi took his overall season tally to 48 goals.

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NHL

Lupul, Armstrong out for Leafs

Toronto Maple Leafs forward Joffrey Lupul will be sidelined for three to four weeks with a separated shoulder.

Lupul was injured on a hit from David Krejci in Tuesday's 5-4 loss to the Boston Bruins. Colby Armstrong was also injured in the game, breaking his nose in a fight with Dennis Seidenberg.

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MLB

Darvish fans three in debut

Yu Darvish struck out three in two scoreless innings and made a run-saving play in his spring-training debut during the Texas Rangers' 6-2 win over a split squad of San Diego Padres on Wednesday.

Pitching exclusively out of the stretch, Darvish threw 36 pitches, 26 for strikes.

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NBA

Raptors beat Rockets

DeMar DeRozan poured in 23 points as the Toronto Raptors rode a rare offensive outburst to a 116-98 win over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

Linus Kleiza added 19 points while Jose Calderon had 17 points and 12 assists for the Raptors (13-26) who wrapped up a 2-2 homestand.

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SPORTS



The Manning race begins

After being cut by the Colts Wednesday, Peyton Manning will have teams lining up to see if he's the right fit for them. Here's a look at some of the top contenders to sign the quarterback who's the only four-time MVP in NFL history.

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New York Jets

Coach Rex Ryan has repeatedly expressed his admiration and respect for Manning, and the Jets aren't far removed from winning.

They went to consecutive AFC championship games before in-fighting contributed to the team finishing 8-8 and missing the playoffs.



Miami Dolphins

When the Dolphins hired the offensive-minded Joe Philbin as coach in January, team officials privately said they would go after Manning if he became available.

Miami has money, terrific talent and warm weather: Three big selling points for the Dolphins.



Kansas City Chiefs

Matt Cassel was a Pro Bowl quarterback just two years ago, but a healthy Manning would be a step up. A big one.

The Chiefs also have a terrific trio of young playmakers in running back Jamaal Charles, wide receiver Dwayne Bowe and tight end Tony Moeaki. Manning would have people around him to make plays.



Arizona Cardinals

Certainly having Larry Fitzgerald there would give Manning a game-changing receiver. Arizona would also offer Manning a warm-weather climate.

The problem? Arizona made a big splash last off-season when it signed QB Kevin Kolb to a huge contract.



Washington Redskins

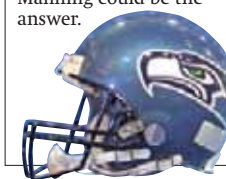
Owner Dan Snyder always seems to be in play when it comes to signing big-name free agents, and the Redskins are in major need of a quarterback.

Mike Shanahan has whiffed on three (Donovan McNabb, Rex Grossman and John Beck) in two years, and the Redskins are expected to pursue Manning if they can determine he's healthy.



Seattle Seahawks

QB Tarvaris Jackson toughed his way through a painful pectoral injury for more than half of last season, but was never overly impressive. Manning could be the answer.



'We all know that nothing lasts forever,' says emotional QB

Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts ended their successful partnership with a tearful goodbye Wednesday, when team owner Jim Irsay released the star quarterback rather than pay a whopping \$28-million bonus while there are lingering questions about his health.

"We all know that nothing lasts forever," Manning said. "Times change, circumstances change, and that's the reality of playing in the NFL."

Manning and Irsay each paused frequently, fighting

tears with shaking voices, as they appeared together at a news conference at the Colts' team complex. It was an unusual and awkward scene, two men whose NFL lives have been so closely intertwined, standing side-by-side in jackets and ties as they told the world they were splitting up.

"This has not been easy for Jim," Manning said, "and this has certainly not been easy for me."

The 35-year-old Manning will become a free agent, and

is expected to generate interest from a half-dozen or so NFL clubs, provided he's healthy. Manning is coming off a series of operations to his neck and missed all of last season when his team's record, not coincidentally, plummeted to 2-14.

"Peyton is on the mend to try to resume his career," Irsay noted.

Indianapolis needed to cut Manning this week to avoid paying him a bonus from the \$90-million US, five-year contract he signed in July, although both owner and

player insisted the decision was not really about money. The Colts are expected to take Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick in April's draft.

Irsay repeatedly used the word "rebuilding" and acknowledged: "We're definitely a few years away."

Manning won't retire and hopes to be playing in the NFL to start next season.

Still, he said Wednesday: "I'll always be a Colt. I always will be. That'll never change."

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Peyton Manning collects his thoughts as he speaks during a news conference in Indianapolis on Wednesday. AJ MAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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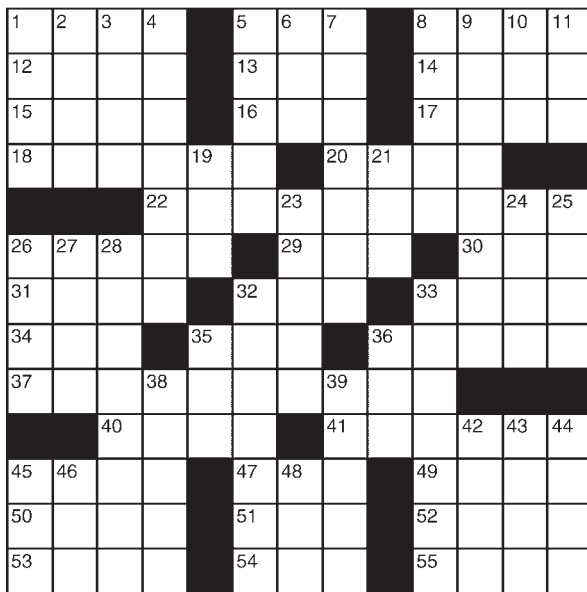
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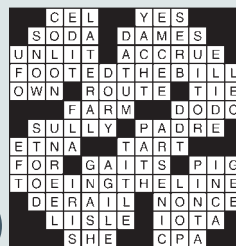
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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Resist the urge to change methods for no good reason. New ways are not always better ways.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Moderation is a must today. If you fly too high, for whatever reason, the full moon will bring you back to earth with a bump.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Someone in a position of authority will make you an offer you find hard to refuse.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

If you let your imagination get the better of you, chances are you will overreact to something that isn't worth getting worked up about.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Both the sun and moon highlight the more materialistic areas of your chart at the moment.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Because today's full moon takes place in your birth sign, you may find it hard keeping your feelings under wraps. That's not bad.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Whether or not you enjoy what you have to do today depends entirely on your attitude.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

If you want to show that you're not the secretive, suspicious textbook Scorpio type now is the time.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Try not to come on too strong today, especially at work.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

You're in a positive frame of mind and that's good, but someone will try to burst your bubble over the next 24 hours.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

If you get involved in a war of words today your rivals may start thinking you have something to hide, and it could be that you do!

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Don't give up on a relationship just because it is going through a rough patch. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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